



Housing Committee

Three-Star Program

Long-time inhabitants, as well as potential new residents, desire a varied selection of durable, attractive homes. The availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing factors into companies successfully attracting new workers, expanding, and prospering. Communities **must** identify and eliminate current housing problems and project future needs while considering how housing development will impact the environment and community infrastructure.

Responsibilities of Chairperson(s):

- ✓ **Develop a Housing Committee** to promote a comprehensive, coordinated approach to address housing issues. This approach will promote thoughtful community and economic development while enhancing and sustaining the quality of life. The following groups **should** be represented on the committee: Construction, Real estate, Mortgage lending, Housing authority or equivalent non-profit group, Residents, Faith-based organizations, Senior citizen organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, City/ county government, including the local code official/planner.

This list is not exhaustive. A community **should** consider inviting interested parties not included here to participate.

- ✓ **Policies, Procedures, and Action Programs-must** complete at least three of the following:
 - a. Assessing current building, energy, plumbing, and electrical codes; adopting the most recent national and/or state codes to ensure safety, structural soundness, proper sanitation, and affordability through lower utility expenditures
 - b. Adopting a code-enforcement program for new and existing housing (city, county or both)
 - c. Implementing planning tools, such as zoning and subdivision regulations (city, county or both)
 - d. Adopting a revitalization program to remove or rehabilitate substandard housing
 - e. Provide for assisted housing through either a housing authority or another method
 - f. Develop a community policy regarding publicly subsidized housing. The Housing Committee will study the relationship between prevailing wages and the cost of living to determine specific housing needs.

- ✓ **Host a homeownership fair** in conjunction with National Homeownership Month (June) or some other local event (such as the Community Celebration component.)
- ✓ **Host a fair housing event** in conjunction with National Fair Housing Month (April) or some other local event (as above).
- ✓ **Rental Housing** – A portion of local industry may be paying wages at the lower end of the wage scale. In this case rental housing may make the most economic sense in providing housing for this segment of the work force.
 - The Housing Committee will survey the existing rental housing to determine the rent structure and quality and availability of suitable rental units.
- ✓ **Governor's Housing Conference** – members of the Housing Committee can attend the annual housing conference.

- ✓ **A progress report of the committee should** be presented to the local legislative body a **minimum of two (2) times per year** to be included in the minutes of the local legislative body. Report format provided by the REDS.
- ✓ **Reports will be due by _____ and _____.**